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Dear Mr. Kinney,

Thank you for your August 19, 2015, letter regarding the August 5, 2015, release at the Gold King Mine. Please be assured that the EPA is committed to continuing to work closely with response agencies and state, local and tribal officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns, and to evaluate impacts to the environment.

One of our foremost priorities during the response has been to collect and publicly release information to help ensure the health and safety of affected communities. The EPA's Gold King Mine website, <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>, contains publically available comprehensive information about the response, including status updates, sampling results and documents regarding EPA's previous, ongoing and long-term work in the area. I would like to specifically point you to this webpage <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/gold-king-mine-watershed-fact-sheet>, which provides the historical background on the mine, previous water release incidents in the area and more. Specifically, I'd like to point out this webpage <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/september-14-2015-contract-documents-related-gold-king-and-red-and-bonita-mines>, which contains contract documents regarding Gold King Mine.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me, or Cynthia Peterson, EPA Region 8 Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6879 or peterson.cynthia@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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